

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum

TO : Director

DATE: 3/14/79

FROM : Legal Counsel

Congress

SUBJECT: ~~FOI BRIEFING FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS~~

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PURPOSE: To advise of numerous requests by Congressional staff members for briefing on the Bureau's FOIA problems.

DETAILS: By letter dated 3/2/79, Robert McClory, Illinois (attached), offered his assistance concerning FOI. Attached to your response to him dated 3/13/79 (attached), you instructed "to coordinate a response with our people who are sitting on the task force." We have contacted Congressman McClory's staff and advised them that a briefing will be arranged for Thursday, 3/15/79 at 3:00 p.m. Two other staff members from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Bill Leece and [REDACTED], have inquired about the same briefing. *WAS*

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The Senate Judiciary Committee has requested a similar briefing for the following staffers: Bob McNamara, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Senate Intelligence requested the same briefing for representatives of Senator Bayh and Senator Biden.

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House Judiciary has requested the same briefing for [REDACTED]. Two other committees, Governmental Affairs in the Senate and Government Operations in the House are expected to send representatives.

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[REDACTED] Unit Chief, FOIPA branch, has been contacted and arrangements have been made for the branch to provide a briefing to the above staff members on Thursday, 3/15/79, in which the FBI's operations concerning FOIA will be discussed as well as problems. It is thought that a number of the issues discussed by you at your appearance on 2/28/79 before the Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights will be discussed.

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JTM:sr (11) 1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. McDermott 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Steel 1 - Mr. Miller 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Bassett, Attn: Mr. Bresson 1 - Mr. McCarthy

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Memorandum Legal Counsel to Director
Re: FOI BRIEFING FOR CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the above briefing be approved.

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- (2) That Legal Liaison/Congressional Affairs Unit coordinate with Records Management Division and the above staffers, the meeting for Thursday, 3/15/79.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Adams _____ (✓) *3/6*
Mr. McDermott _____ ()
Mr. Bassett _____ (✓)
Mr. Cochran _____ ()
Mr. Colwell _____ ()
Mr. Cregor _____ ()
Mr. Joseph _____ ()
Mr. Kelleher _____ ()
Mr. Kent _____ ()
Mr. Long _____ ()
Mr. Mintz _____ (✓)
Mr. Moore _____ ()
Mr. Boynton _____ ()
Mr. Bruemmer _____ ()
Mr. Hotis _____ ()
Mr. Howes _____ ()
Mr. Steel _____ (✓)
Tele. Room _____ ()
Miss Devine _____ ()

See Me _____ ()
Note and return _____ ()
Prepare reply and return for my signature _____ ()
Prepare reply over my signature and send _____ ()
Respond over your signature _____ ()
Prepare memo for the Department _____ ()
For your recommendation _____ ()
What are the facts? _____ ()
Hold _____ ()

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been shooting on the 10th floor*

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U.S. INTERPARLIAMENTARY
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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 2, 1979

Honorable William J. Webster, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover Building
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster:

I am writing in regard to the impact of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act (FOI/PA) on the operations of the FBI.

I share the concerns on this matter which you have expressed throughout your first year in office and am strongly desirous of working with you to have enacted legislation to remedy this troubling situation. One specific suggestion you have made in which I am particularly interested regards permitting only those FBI records which are more than a certain number of years old.

I would appreciate you sharing with me any proposals that you feel the Congress should consider in a review of the FOI/PA. Perhaps one productive route might be to take up such consideration during the authorization process in the Judiciary Committee.

The criticisms of the FOI/PA which you raise are certainly quite reasonable and it is my sincere hope that the Congress will respond with definite actions in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Robert McClory
Member of Congress
(Illinois)

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March 13, 1979

① - Mr. Bassett - Enc.
② - Mr. Mintz - Enc.
Attn: Mr. Moschella
1 - Mr. Steel - Enc.
1 - Mr. Bresson - Enc.
1 - Mr. Ross - Enc.
1 - Mr. Miller - Enc.

Honorable Robert McClosky
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman McClosky:

Thank you for your letter of March 2nd in which you expressed an interest in the impact of the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act on the operations of the FBI. It is encouraging to know you share my concerns on this matter.

If you have no objection, a member of my staff will arrange to meet with you or a member of your staff to discuss this legislation.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster
Director

NOTE: Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division, will hand deliver this letter and arrange for a meeting to be held in the immediate future.

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